

**NJLA College and University Section**  
**ACRL/NJ Chapter**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**Nov. 5, 2004**

**School of Communication, Information and Library Studies, Rutgers-New Brunswick**

**Present:** Barbara Belicose, Ruth Hamann, Karen Hartman, Frances Kaufmann, Annemarie Mascarenhas, Penny Page, Luis Rodriguez, Steve Shapiro

**Guests:** Steve Chudnick and Bill Walker, MLIS students

**Call to order:** 10:10 a.m.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved as submitted.

**President's Report—Fran Kaufmann**

Fran submitted the proposal for our College and University Section luncheon on Wednesday Apr. 13 at the NJLA conference. She requested a time slot from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to allow time for networking before the formal presentations begin. She has not received an acknowledgement, but after speaking with a member of the conference planning committee she is hopeful we will be allotted a time period from noon to 2:00 p.m. Fran will follow-up on this with the planning committee chair Nancy O'Grady. The deadline for preliminary program proposals was Oct. 15, and all committees must submit a final COMPLETE proposal (with budget, speakers, arrangements, equipment, etc.) by Dec. 1. There may be a problem with the scheduling for the Research Forum [see details under Committee Reports below]. In addition to travel, hotel, and meals, Fran asked for an honorarium for our luncheon speaker, Elizabeth Kirk of the Johns Hopkins University Entrepreneurial Library Program. Ms. Kirk was hired by James Neal, director of Johns Hopkins University Libraries, to set up a program offering reference/information services to businesses on a fee basis. They have also set up paid library services for other universities' distance education programs. Fran will contact our speaker to get her bio and make lunch arrangements.

Fran reported for Vib Bowman on the VALE Users Conference, which will be held Jan. 6 at the Busch Campus Center at Rutgers, Piscataway. We have co-sponsored this conference for the past three years, and we will again be sponsoring poster sessions. Ruth Hamann is chair of the poster sessions, and she reported that there will be 7 or 8 posters this year. The keynote speaker for the conference will be Robert Boynton from NYU, who is a copyright expert. The conference is free (including lunch) and is open to interested students. Over 200 people attended last year.

Our membership program, "Academic Librarians and the Political Process," which was scheduled for Oct. 22 at Caldwell College, had to be cancelled for low registration. We had a

good panel planned, including the State Librarian (talking on Knowledge Initiative), the Exec. Director of NJLA, as well as Luis Rodriguez and Julie Still from our board. The board discussed whether we should try to offer this program at a later time when calendars are less busy. In recent years we have tried to offer a spring program in the years when there was no national ACRL meeting, so perhaps we could recycle this program for May 2006. After discussion the board decided we should survey academic librarians to see what topics would interest them most. Barbara Belicose and Ruth Hamann offered to devise a short survey that will be distributed at our spring luncheon. We may offer some kind of giveaways for completing the survey. We can also send it to the ACALIBS listserv. Fran thanked Carol Nurse and Nicole Cooke for all their hard work in planning and publicizing the Oct. 22 event.

The next deadline for submission to *Chapter Topics*, the online newsletter for the ACRL chapters, is Dec. 3. Please let Fran know of any submissions regarding committee activities. Fran and Mary Mallery will send a report on the poster session workshop they did Nov. 1. She will also include information about the VALE Users Conference and our co-sponsorship.

ALA Midwinter Conference will be Jan. 14-19 in Boston. Karen Hartman and Fran will be attending. Fran also plans to attend a pre-conference workshop on advocacy given by the Friends of Libraries USA.

### **Committee reports:**

#### **Newsletter—Fran Kaufmann [for Nicole Cooke and Pat Fazio]**

The fall issue has been printed by the Central Jersey Regional Co-op and has been sent to Pat Fazio for mailing. She promised to get issues in the mail by Nov. 5. The Central Jersey Co-op absorbed the printing costs, but we are paying for the mailing.

#### **User Education—Annemarie Mascarenhas**

Annemarie submitted a preliminary proposal (dealing with plagiarism) for the conference and is circulating a final description to her committee for comment. She will submit final proposal by Dec. 1 deadline. The next committee meeting is at Westfield High School in two weeks. The school's librarian joined the committee after attending their summer program on "Crossing Borders," which stressed connections between libraries from secondary to higher education. The committee's website has just been updated.

#### **Research—Karen Hartman**

The committee met in October at Seton Hall University. Seton Hall will once again provide an honorarium for the Research Award winner. Karen submitted preliminary proposals for the Research Forum and for a second program on qualitative analysis for librarians. That program would offer a panel with Marie Radford, Dan O'Connor, and Patricia Libutti discussing what

qualitative analysis is and how it relates to quantitative analysis. Karen requested a double time slot for the Research Forum due to its popularity and increasing number of submissions. There may be a problem with scheduling this program. Apparently the conference planning committee has suggested that the Forum be moved to Tuesday. The executive board and the committee chair felt this was not acceptable since most academic librarians will be attending on Wednesday only. Also, the Research Award winner is the featured speaker at the Forum, and this award won't be presented until the luncheon on Wednesday. Karen will contact Nancy O'Grady, chair of the conference planning committee, and ask for a Wednesday afternoon time slot (preferably 2:30-4:30). All programs must end by 4:30 on Wednesday.

### **Technology—Barbara Belicose**

The committee met in October and submitted a preliminary proposal for the conference. The winners of last year's Technology Innovation Award will be the speakers. The committee will be sponsoring the award again this year; deadline will be Jan. 31, and publicity will go out in early Jan. The tentative date for nominees to give their presentations is March 11 at Monmouth University. Mary Mallery has put together a webpage on the award, which will go live soon.

### **Job Shadowing—Luis Rodriguez**

Luis sent announcements in September to library schools regarding this program and will re-send soon. Our guests (MLIS students) suggested that now was the best time to send announcements for next semester since students are scheduling classes for next term. Luis would be willing to come to a LSSA meeting to talk about what it's like to be an academic librarian. Our guests will take this suggestion to LSSA.

### **Legislative Liaison—Luis Rodriguez**

There is a new piece of proposed legislation that bears watching. The Induce Act would hold persons/companies liable for inducing persons to violate copyright. This legislation puts the burden on the provider for being responsible for the use of technology. Luis mentioned a case where a garage door manufacturer was sued under the DMCA because their universal garage door opener captured messages from proprietary code. The case was dismissed as frivolous at the appeals court level. Luis is doing a program at the VALE conference on the Patriot Act and privacy issues. Fran suggested that he consider doing something on this for the NJ Association of Library Assistants; there needs to be more staff development on privacy issues.

### **Nominations—Steve Shapiro**

We have nominees for Vice-President/President Elect and for Secretary. We still need nominations for Member-at-Large.

### **Old Business:**

### **NJLA Poster Sessions—Fran Kaufmann**

We will be co-sponsoring poster sessions with the Technical Services Section at the NJLA conference. The proposal form is now on the NJLA website. Mary Mallery and Fran did a workshop Nov. 1 at Monmouth County Library on preparing poster sessions, and there were 19 attendees. Mary prepared a webpage on this (with pictures) which is located at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/PosterResources.html>. They have asked NJLA to make a link from the poster proposal form to this webpage. Fran will prepare a short handout with a resource list and the URL and will email to Annemarie for distribution at the EMA conference in December. We may want to run this program again.

### **Bylaws Revisions—Penny Page**

Penny has revised the language in the Bylaws to reflect the previous meeting's discussion. These changes will bring us into better compliance with NJLA Bylaws and with our own current practices. She briefly reviewed the changes, most of which focused on committee membership and selection of chairs as well as minor changes and clarifications in the nominations process. The revisions were approved unanimously. Penny will send the final version to Mary Mallery for posting on the webpage.

### **New Business:**

#### **Chapters' Council—Fran Kaufmann (for Vib Bowman)**

The Midwinter Chapters' Council meeting will be devoted to exploring ways that ACRL can better serve the local chapters. Please send any ideas/feedback to Vib.

**Next meeting:** Friday, Dec. 3, 2004, 10:00 a.m. We will teleconference between Rutgers-New Brunswick, Rutgers-Camden, Montclair State, and Ramapo.

**Adjournment:** 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny B. Page  
Secretary